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"The Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations will be a milestone for the international community. It is a time to rekindle the ideals of the Charter, to spread the spirit of cooperation among the peoples of the world, to celebrate and to share a vision of the great potential of this unique Organization. In this way, the United Nations will be both strengthened and renewed."

Boutros Boutros-Ghali

SECRETARY-GENERAL : REACHING YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD IS A MAJOR TARGET FOR UN50

The goal is to reach beyond informed or elite public opinion, to the wider, more global audience, and the young people of the world should be a major target of those efforts.

ADVISORY GROUP MEETS IN GENEVA

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali urged the international community to celebrate what had been achieved over the last fifty years and safeguard it for the future, so future generations could build on and learn from what had been done. "This is the nature of the challenge which we face," he told a group of eminent persons invited to provide counsel regarding the commemoration.

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The goals of the United Nations must be communicated so that young people get a "full and accurate understanding of what the United Nations really is and does". Under-Secretary-General Gillian Martin Sorensen, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for Public Policy, made this point to UN correspondents at a Headquarters briefing on the preparations for the United Nations Fiftieth Anniversary (UN50).

Gillian M. Sorensen and Samir Sanbar, ASG for Public Information

Education and communication would enlarge the constituency of support around the world, especially among young people, and strengthen their commitment to the Organization, she said. Ms. Sorensen called on the media to give fuller coverage of the United Nations as a multifaceted Organization during 1995. The Department of Public Information (DPI) was closely involved in the programme of activities, she noted.

Funding UN50 activities

The UN50 Trust Fund at present contained some $2.3 million, while donors had committed themselves for $11 million, Mrs. Sorensen said. A total of some $15 million was needed for all the major activities planned.

The largest contributors to date were Felissimo of Japan; the Fundación Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat, a private foundation in Argentina; Goldstar, the electronics and home appliances manufacturer in the Republic of South Korea; the Archer Daniels Midland Foundation of the United States; Aktiebolaget Electrolux of Sweden; the William Randolph Hearst family of the United States; the Swedish Post Office, a private enterprise; and the Swiss Corporation for Micro-electronics and Watchmaking Industries Limited of Switzerland (SWATCH). In addition, she said, there were hundreds of other contributors — foundations, corporations and individuals — supporting national and local programmes implemented by National Committees and United Nations Associations (UNAs).

UN50 LOGO

The official UN50 emblem, which is printed in gold, black and blue, can be used in connection with any programmes carried out by the Member States or their respective National Committees. Each use, however, must be authorized by the UN50 secretariat. Member States also have the option of enhancing the logo to reflect national participation in the United Nations. The United Nations Association of Canada, for example, has created a design by superimposing the logo on a maple leaf. **UNIC Dhaka** reports that the Bangladesh National Committee has adopted a logo featuring the national symbol of the Shapla, the number 50 and UN colour blue. Private and non-governmental organizations are not authorized to use the logo except with written consent from UN50 secretariat, and then only in conjunction with an authorized programme or project.

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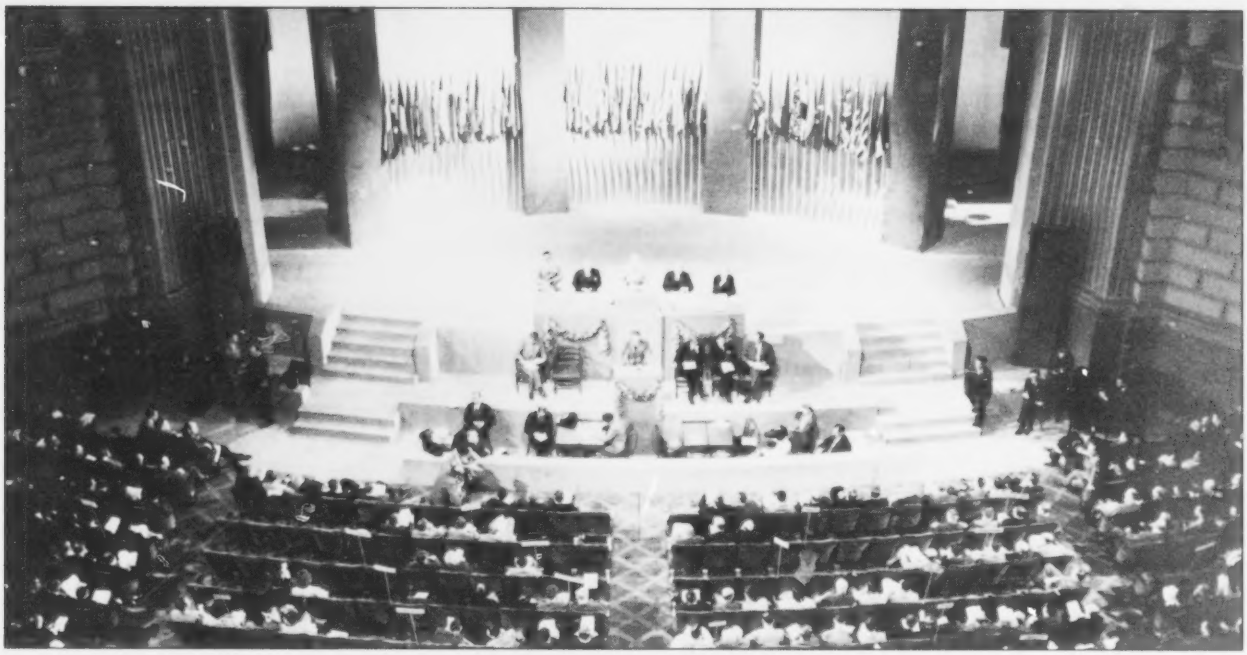

United Nations Conference on International Organization meeting in San Fransico Opera House, 1945

Just who is to be credited with originating the term **United Nations**, Franklin D. Roosevelt or Winston Churchill, is still being debated today. And the South African diplomat Jan Smuts, who had participated in the founding of the League of Nations, is also credited with writing the first draft of the now famous Declaration that begins "We the peoples... ".

What is clear about the birth of the United Nations is that during the closing days of Second World War, representives of 51 nations, attending the UN Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, signed the United Nations Charter which brought the Organization into existence on 24 October 1945, the day now known as United Nations Day.

The founding document was drafted on the basis of proposals worked out by the representatives of China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States at a meeting at the Dumbarton Oaks Estate in Washington, D.C., in August 1944.

Today all 184 Members of the United Nations must abide by the same principles adhered to by the original 51 Charter signatories who were determined to protect "succeeding generations from the scourge of of war". Among the Charter's immutable principles: all member countries are equal; all countries must settle their differences by peaceful means; and the United Nations may not interfere in the domestic affairs of any country.

Celebrating the UN Charter in San Francisco 26 June 1995

The UN50 Committee (San Francisco) is planning a broad array of events to celebrate the signing of the UN Charter. These celebrations will culminate with a conference on 26 June 1995, the anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter. In collaboration with the UN50 Committee, NGOs have begun to make plans for this conference which will examine the history of their interaction with the UN system. Planned for the occasion is an unprecedented gathering of Nobel Peace Prize winners.

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ANNIVERSARY DECLARATION

While people around the world will be marking the historic anniversary with solemn meetings, special exhibits, concerts and other public events throughout 1995, the celebrations will culminate at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Formal proceedings will be attended by Heads of State from 22 through 24 of October 1994, when the **50th Anniversary Declaration** will be issued. DPI will produce daily coverage of the formal proceedings with press releases, photographs, radio and video programmes.

Observances of the anniversary day are planned at United Nations Offices in Geneva, Vienna, and at the Regional Economic Commissions in Africa (Addis Ababa), Asia (Bangkok), Western Asia (Amman), Europe (Geneva) and Latin America (Santiago). In all other countries where United Nations Information Centres operate, and such national organizations as United Nations Associations (UNAs) and UN50 National Committees are established, they will act as catalysts for UN50 observances, involving government officials, parliamentarians, NGOs, professional associations, journalists, writers, teachers, researchers and students.

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD LIBRARY AT FIFTY

The United Nations Dag Hammarskjold Library is preparing two projects, an exhibition and a publication, for the UN50.

The **exhibition,** entitled *"Membership of the United Nations"*, will include material on each Member State such as flags, maps, date of entry into the Organization, and country travel guides. A chart will be included to indicate growth in UN membership.

Since 1995 will also mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Dag Hammarskjold Library, a publication entitled *"The Dag Hammarskjold Library at 50 Years"* is being planned. Aimed at the community of librarians, the publication will respond to interest expressed by professional library organizations and UN depository libraries to commemorate UN50.

Oral History Collection

A collection of 98 sixty-minute cassette tapes and 51 corresponding transcripts is now available at the Dag Hammarskjold Library, United Nations, New York, to researchers and the media. Listening and recording equipment is provided to interested users.

The collection includes interviews with representatives of Member States who participated in the early stages leading to the founding of the United Nations Organization. Among these are: Taply Bennet, Lawrense Finkelstein, Alfonso Garcia Robles, Lord Gladwyn Jebb, Leland Goodrich (San Francisco Conference), James Green (founding of the United Nations; Dumbarton Oaks; San Francisco Conference; London Preparatory Commission) Alger Hiss (founding of the United Nations); Joseph Johnson; Oliver Lundquist; A.R.K. MacKenzie; Claiborne Pell (San Francisco Conference); Manuel Perez-Guerrero; Galo Plaza-Lasso (San Francisco Conference, The Charter); Carlos Romulo; Carlos Salamanca; Harold Stassen (San Francisco Conference).

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DPI/NGO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Intended as a link-up to the United Nations 50th Anniversary, the 1994 Annual DPI/NGO Conference will take place on 20-22 September in New York.

The three-day Conference will bring together over 1500 participants from all regions to address the theme "We the Peoples: United for a Better World". They will hear the Secretary-General and other UN officials, then meet in workshops to exchange ideas and experiences, share their concerns and expertise and formulate strategies for action, by exploring the actual and potential role NGOs can play in peace-making, peace-keeping and peace-building.

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Fax: (212) 963-6914

ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

A series of **audio compilations** on United Nations history and work, including unique audio records of major international crises and peace-keeping efforts since 1945.are in preparation.

A series of **video compilations** including special videos on UN themes, are in production. Those on refugees, on peace-keeping and on the environment are completed and available on request. In preparation are video compilations on the the issues of United Nations and women; social and economic development; children and one on historical events.

For more information, please contact:

Lily Chau, Chief
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BOOKS ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS

The Department for Public Information is preparing a range of materials for all those who will be focusing on the United Nations in 1995. Anniversary editions of its publications *Basic Facts about the United Nations*, *UN in Brief*, and *Notes for Speakers* will be out by the end of 1994. They are reference tools widely used by NGOs, teachers, and librarians when making presentations about the work of the Organization.

A **press kit** on UN50, containing discussion papers, essays and features on key problems facing the UN, is being prepared for use in special magazine issues and newspaper supplements planned in many countries.

UN PHOTOS

The DPI **Photo Section** is preparing **sets of photographs and slides** on major events in UN history for use by media, NGOs and researchers. It is advised that requests of photos be made as early as possible.

For more information, please contact:

Joyce Rosenblum, Photo Librarian
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RADIO PROGRAMMES

DPI **Radio Section** is including information about UN50 in its following regular productions: *Perspective, Scope, Week in Review*. These are weekly 15-minute programmes in the six official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish), available for transmission free of charge. In addition, radio spots, vignettes highlighting significant moments in UN history are also planned.

UN Radio Electronic Bulletin Board News Service

This new service provides interested radio stations with daily short (three-minute) radio feeds, containing briefings by the UN Spokesman, audio news summaries, updates, reviews of special reports on the activities of the United Nations and on the proceedings of the General Assembly.

For more information, please contact:
UN Radio Tel: (212) 963-7656
UN Radio Bulletin Board Tel:(212) 963-3777
UN Radio Bulletin Board Fax: (212) 963-6982

VIDEO MATERIALS

Three regular DPI video productions will feature UN50: *UN in Action*, a weekly 3-4 minute programme in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish; *World Chronicle*, a weekly 30-minute interview with a UN official or expert by a panel of journalists; and *UN Wrap-up*, an annual 15-minute production on major events of the year, in six official languages (1994-1995).

A catalogue of all *UN in Action* programmes is available on request from the video library.

VIDEO Requests: (212) 963-7319

ELECTRONIC ACCESS

DPI press releases, backgrounders and even such publications as *UN in Brief, Basic Facts and the United Nations*, are now available on the folowing electronic networks residing on Internet: Agora, Gemnet, Togetherнet and UNDP "gopher service".

United Nations documents (major reports, resolutions of the General Assembly, Security Council and ECOSOC) can be accessed in some 40 countries.

Interested users may contact the following networks to obtain information on how to access and retrieve UN materials.

UNDP 'gopher service'
Mr. Malcom Chapman
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304 E 45th, New York, N.Y. 10017
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UNICS ACTIVE IN GLOBAL PREPARATIONS FOR UN50

In accelerating world-wide preparations for the celebration of UN50, staff in United Nations Information Centres, Information Services at the Regional Economic Commissions and at the United Nations Offices play an active role as catalysts for UN50 projects.

They consult with senior government officials and assist in the establishment of UN50 National Committees involving political leaders, academicians, artists, film makers, popular singers and writers.

They reach out to educational institutions, NGOs and other local partners introducing aspects of the work of the United Nations to a variety of audiences.

UNICs work closely with other UN agencies and programmes represented in their countries, often forming UN50 inter-agency committees and task forces, joining resources for greater impact of their activities and projects. Such inter-agency committees have been reported by **UNICs Colombo**, **Rio de Janeiro**, **Windhoek**, **Washington** and **UNISs in Bangkok** and **Santiago.**

With United Nations Associations (UNAs), UNICs plan model UN sessions and other educational programmes for students.

United Nations Information Centre staff in Panama.

NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL ACTION

UNICs/UNISs and United Nations Offices (UNOs) began planning for UN50 as early as 1992. **UNIC Brussels** assisted the UNA of the Netherlands, the 1992 Peace Messenger "Stichting Vredesopbouw" and several major women's organizations in setting up a foundation for the celebration of UN50.

Also in 1992, **UNIC London** hosted a meeting which led to the establishment of the National Committee for UN50 of the United Kingdom. More currently, UNIC London reports that, with the help of UNA-UK and its branches, community-based UN50 committees have been established throughout England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

UNIC Consultations With Governments

As of July 1994, the following offices have reported details of their consultations with senior government officials — particularly in ministries of foreign affairs and ministries of education — to plan activities: Accra, Algiers, Athens, Brussels, Bucharest, Buenos Aires, Copenhagen, Colombo, Dakar, Dhaka, Harare, Islamabad, Lagos, Lisbon, London, Manama, Manila, Mexico, Moscow, Panama, Paris, Prague, Rabat, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Santa Fe de Bogota, Sydney, Tokyo, Tunis, Washington, Windhoek and Yaounde; UNISs in Amman, Bangkok, Geneva and Santiago; and UNOs in Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

UNIC Brussels has made informal contacts with the European Union and the European Parliament regarding the UN50 celebration. Official contacts are to begin this Summer.

The **UN Office in Ukraine** is holding discussions with government authorities on the creation of a United Nations Park in Kiev.

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UNIC COOPERATION WITH UN50 SECRETARIAT

UNICs represent the UN50 secretariat in all regions by distributing its information materials and facilitating visits by UN officials. In her travels, Gillian Martin Sorensen, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Public Policy and UN50 secretariat staff, count on the assistance of UNICs to provide media liaison - such as during recent trips to Copenhagen, Geneva, London, Paris, Tokyo, Vienna, Washington. Most recently **UNIC Brussels** helped in the planning of Mrs. Sorensen's visits to Brussels and The Hague, while **UNIC Copenhagen** provided contacts with Swedish media in Stockholm. **UNIC Tokyo** assisted in planning her visits to Tokyo and Osaka.

UNICs are distributing and incorporating into their own newsletters and products information received from the Fiftieth Anniversary secretariat, including the 50th Anniversary Newsletter **(Algiers, Islamabad, Jakarta, Kinshasa, Lagos, Lisbon, Paris, Prague and Washington)**. **UNIC Islamabad** carried in its newsletter a story on the Secretary-General's meeting in Geneva with the Advisory Group on UN50. **UNIC Algiers** issued a special edition of its newsletter, *Bulletin ONU*, dedicated to the preparations for UN50. Press releases are prepared by UNICs on the meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary. The Fiftieth Anniversary logo is being used on UNIC publications and promotional materials. **UNIC Copenhagen** plans to use the logo on its letterhead and envelopes during 1995.

MODEL UN AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

To mark UN50, **Model United Nations** sessions by high school and university students are being encouraged by **UNICs Buenos Aires, Colombo, Moscow** and **Santa Fe de Bogota**. The latter UNIC will organize a series of model UN with highschools in different cities of Colombia. In collaboration with Colegio Nueva Granada, it plans to produce a video of a model UN session — to be shown to parents at the closing ceremony. Representatives of the Colombian Government and members of the diplomatic corps will be invited.

UNIC Harare is collaborating with the UNA of Zimbabwe which will use UNIC premises for summer courses on issues of the United Nations.

Training programmes for teachers

Working with teachers and those involved with curricula development for students is part of educational campaigns UNICs undertake, in collaboration with ministries of education and educational institutions **(Algiers, Brussels, Colombo, Prague and Santa Fe de Bogota)**. **UNIC London** is involved in transforming a British educational teaching pack on the United Nations, developed by UNA/UK, into an international version — to be used as part of a global teach-in during the week of 24 October.

Plans for youth summits and conferences have been reported by **UNICs Athens, London, Manila, Moscow, Rio de Janeiro, UNIS Vienna** and the **UN Office in Ukraine**. Essay contests, photo and art competitions, musical performances and film festivals involving young people are all part of a UN awareness campaign to be sponsored or co-sponsored by **UNICs in Accra, Colombo, Dhaka, Harare, Manila, Moscow, Rio de Janeiro** and **UNIS Bangkok**. Sports competitions, races and tournaments are also planned as UN50 activities.

MEDIA AND OTHER LOCAL PARTNERS

Briefing those responsible for informing the general public is an important part of UNIC activities. Round tables, seminars and press conferences are planned by **UNICs in Colombo**, **Moscow**, **Paris**, **Washington**, and **UNISs in Bangkok** and **Santiago**, often featuring UN experts and personalities who over the decades have participated in UN efforts to bring peace to populations in conflict; food and disaster relief to those afflicted; to safeguard human rights; and to contribute to social and sustainable economic development in every part of the world. Discussions and panels on science and technology are planned by **UNICs Moscow** and **UNIS Vienna**.

Many UNICs have plans for UN50 information campaigns in collaboration with key local media partners. UNICs consider contacts with key media to be essential to the success of the celebration.

UNICs in Accra, Algiers, Buenos Aires, Colombo, Copenhagen, Dakar, Manila, Rabat, Rio de Janeiro; UNISs in Bangkok, Geneva and Santiago; and the **UNO in Ukraine**, report the intention of national radio or TV to prepare special programmes. **UNIC Buenos Aires** says a film on 50 years of UN presence in Argentina and a newsreel programme on the history of the United Nations is being prepared. **UNIC Accra** reports a television series "Sincerely Yours". The proposal has been referred to the UN50 Secretariat for review and funding suggestions.

The **UNO in Kazakhstan** says the national TV station will produce a series of films on UN50 focusing on the nations of the world. **UNIC Copenhagen** reports that the Swedish Educational Broadcasting Company will produce a package of television and radio programmes and a book on 50 years of United Nations history.

The **UN Library in Geneva** will co-produce with national radio a French language audio compact disc describing the history of the League of Nations and the United Nations. A video tape on the history of the United Nations since 1945 will be co-produced with national TV.

UNIC Buenos Aires has been helping an Argentine journalist with the production of a book of photographs in honour of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations entitled "The Children of War 1945 - 1995". The project has the official support from the Governments of Germany, Japan and Sweden and Reuters news agency has opened its photo archives to the the author. The book will have an introduction by Nobel Prize novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS AND COINS

Contacts with government authorities for the issuance of a commemorative stamp for UN50 have been made by **UNICs in Accra**, **Algiers**, **Colombo**, **Copenhagen** (for Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden), **Islamabad**, **Lisbon**, **Manila**, **Paris**, **Rabat**, **Santa Fe de Bogota**, **Sydney** and **Windhoek** as well as **UNIS Vienna**. UNICs also report plans for special commemorative coins (**London**, **Paris**, **and Rome**).

The British Royal Mint is the coordinator of UN Fiftieth Anniversary Coin Programme for countries who wish to issue UN50 coins. Each Member State which decides to issue a UN50 Commemorative Coin may mint its own coins, both for sale to collectors and for general circulation. Uniform standards and royalties are set for the use of the UN50 emblem on coins to be sold to collectors.

Some 200 postal administrations are expected to issue stamps commemorating UN50 during 1995 and 1996. The United Nations is not encouraging a common design for the stamps other than suggesting the use of the UN50 Logo.

Inquiries from postal administrations should be directed to UN50 Secretariat.

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Fax: (212) 963-1185

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UN50 SOUVENIRS

Requests for production of UN50 souvenirs have been channelled through **UNICs in Accra**, **Colombo**, **Manila** and **Tokyo. UNIC Manila** reports the idea of the Land Transport System in the Philippines to issue commemorative *car plates* displaying the UN50 Logo.

UNIC Tokyo says that the UNA of Japan has contacted the UN50 secretariat to ask for permission to use the UN50 logo on *a pin* to be distributed throughout Japan.

An unusual initiative comes from **UNIC Santa Fe de Bogota**: an *educational board game* where players follow a route along the six main organs of the United Nations to accomplish their objectives. The idea was sent to the UN50 Secretariat and is being reviewed by the Commercial Activities Unit at UN Headquarters. **UNIC Santa Fe de Bogota** also recommended an international cartoon competition, reflecting 50 years of the Organization, to be co-sponsored by the Caja de Compensacion Familiar (CAFAM), a non-profit organization. The contest will be launched in September 1994 with the UN 50 theme: "We the peoples of the United Nations ... united for a better world".

MUSIC FOR UN50

Musical concerts as well as photo, poster, book and art exhibitions also feature prominently in planned activities reported by **UNICs Accra**, **Algiers**, **Colombo**, **Dhaka**, **,Lagos**, **Moscow**, **Paris**, **Prague**, **Rio de Janeiro**, **Tokyo; UNISs** in **Bangkok**, **Geneva, Santiago** and **Vienna;** and the **UN Office in Ukraine. UNIS Geneva** is coordinating an exhibit of the works of 50 artists. It will take place at the Palais des Nations from 26 June to 24 October 1995. The **UN Library at Geneva** will organize an exhibition, in collaboration with the Ecole d'Architecture de Geneve, on the construction of the Palais des Nations. **UNIS Geneva** is also involved in negotiations with Sir Georg Solti, who has offered to conduct Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at the Palais des Nations in July 1995.

UNIC Bogota reports that the National Philharmonic Orchestra in Venezuela is planning a tour to the main cities of the country. **UNO in Ukraine** reports a concert by London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Kiev to celebrate UN50.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

UNIC Athens confirms that an international conference on the United Nations organized by Greek universities is to be held in Delphi, Greece, on 18-20 May 1995.

UNIC Washington says that "The First Night Alliance", an international association based in Boston, has decided to dedicate to UN50 its "First Night" 1995 celebrations in one hundred large cities across the United States.

UNIC Rome is discussing with regional Italian authorities events to take place in Assisi and Perugia, including a Peace March in the autumn of 1995.

UNIC Prague reports plans for a "Bike for Peace" around the world tour in 1995.

UNO in Ukraine alerts that a United Nations **Peace Run** on UN Day 1995 is on the drawing board of authorities in the Ukraine.

President Adbou Diouf of Senegal (r.) with M. Kartas, Director, UNIC Dakar

UNIC Dakar has launched, under the sponsorship of President Abdou Diouf, an international sculpture contest of the Human Rights logo. It has also initiated contacts aimed at organizing a special pilgrimage-crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, on the theme of the UN and human rights, to celebrate UN50. The pilgrimage is in remembrance of the slave route from the famous Island of Gorée to the Americas.

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DOCUMENTS

Summary of global projects for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations **(A/AC.240/1994/CRP.3, 7 June 1994).**

This document summarizes the globally-oriented UN50 projects. National and/or local projects under preparation by Governments or their National Committees, UNAs and NGOs are not included.

Draft declaration to be adopted at the Special Commemorative Meeting of the General Assembly on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations. Proposals submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned Countries **(A/AC.240/1994/WG/4, 31 May 1994).**

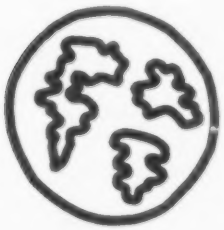
The meeting is scheduled for 24 October 1995, United Nations Day.

United Nations Fiftieth Anniversary Coin Programme **(A/AC.240/1994/CRP., 27 May 1994).**

This is a background note on the UN50 Coin Programme.

Information Strategy for the Observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations, Report by the Fiftieth Anniversary secretariat **(JUNIC/1994/9/Rev.1, 23 June 1994).**

This document contains information about the main objectives of UN50, the target audiences, the partners, the communications programme, media relations, advertising, and public outreach and advocacy. It contains a list of projects planned by the United Nations for UN50 and describes the role of UNICs/UNISs in preparing for the celebration.



UNIC Publications

Local language translations of DPI publications about the work of the United Nations, such as *What is the United Nations?*, the *Student Leaflet*, *Notes for Speakers* and *UN in Brief* are planned by some UNICs. Some 20 UNICs have produced local versions of the Secretary-General's *An Agenda for Peace* and, more recently, translations are being made of *An Agenda for Development*. **UNIC Colombo** will translate *Basic Facts about the United Nations*.

UNIC Dhaka will produce information materials on the United Nations and on Bangladesh's role in UN peace-keeping operations to help the national Education Board revise its current curricula. It also plans to print 25,000 postcards with photos of the UN for distribution among students in 1995.

UNIC Moscow is preparing a publication dedicated to UN50, to be issued in 1995, entitled "International Organizations of the United Nations System". **UNIC Paris** will produce a special issue of its Bulletin on UN50.

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... ADVISORY GROUP

The advisory group is to function as the Secretary-General's think tank on issues and challenges surrounding the Organization's Fifthieth Anniversary. Among members of the Advisory Group who attended the meeting in Geneva on 4 May 1994 were: Richard von Weizsacker, President of Germany; Prince Sidi Mohamed, Crown Prince of Morocco; Julius Nyerere, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania; Lord David Ennals, former Government Minister, United Kingdom; Bernard Kouchner, former Government Minister, France; Archbishop Desdond Tutu of South Africa, Nobel Peace Laureate; Androula Vassiliou of Cyprus, President of the World Federation of United Nations Association; Sonia Gandhi of India, Chairperson of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation; Mariapia Fanfani of Italy, President of the Together for Peace Foundation; and Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat of Argentina, Ambassador-at-Large.

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DPI HEAD:

'STAFF PARTICIPATION CRUCIAL'

The active participation of UN staff in the preparation and celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary is crucial to its success, according to Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information Samir Sanbar. While DPI is responsible for programmes to inform the public, a credible UN image is the concern of all UN staff, who are the backbone of the Organization.

Mr. Sanbar says the Secretary-General is keen on reflecting the role of the staff, particularly in the special monument honoring the contribution of all those who gave their lives in support of our Organization.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO A MONUMENT FUND

The United Nations Staff Union calls on all colleagues to contribute to the Monument Fund. Over the years, hundreds of UN staff, both civilian and military, have lost their lives in the line of duty to the Organization. As the 50th Anniversary draws near, the Staff Union believes, with the Secretary-General's support, that a permanent tribute to those colleagues is in order.

TRIBUTE TO FALLEN COLLEAGUES

The proposed Monument is to be located in the General Assembly Plaza, outside the Visitors' Entrance, at Headquarters, New York. The Monument is to be sculpted by Arnaldo Pomodoro, an Italian sculptor, and will name all fallen UN colleagues.

The President of the Staff Committee, Mr. Mohammed Oummih, has taken initiatives to ensure that efforts are made to explain the role of UN staff in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary. During a recent meeting with Mr. Sanbar and DPI Directors, Mr. Oummih explored ways of working together towards that mutual objective.

JUNIC JOINS IN THE CELEBRATIONS

The Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC) will hold its next meeting in the Spring, of 1995 in Rome, and one of its main efforts will be to join in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations.

Information Offices of UN agencies represented in Italy — FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNICEF — co-ordinated by UNIC Rome, will be preparing a special programme for the occasion.

The 1994 session of JUNIC took place at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal early in July. It was opened by Assad Kotaite, President of the Council of ICAO, who gave an overview of the work of ICAO and highlighted the preparations being made for the 50th Anniversary of ICAO — to be celebrated in December 1994, just ahead of that of the United Nations. Dr. Kotaite stressed the interrelationship among organizations of the United Nations system and the positive role JUNIC plays in promoting the image of the United Nations.

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